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## THIS WEEK

## Group holds pie selling fund raisers

Alternative Spring Break students are selling pies to help fund their trip to the Kids World Village in Florida from now until Tuesday.

The pies cost \$10 and are available in apple and cherry.

To order a pie, contact Volunteer Programs and Service Coordinator Amy Nally at 562-1954 or e-mail her at Anally@nwmissouri.edu

The group will also provide valet parking before Encore events. They will start at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Performing Arts Center before each performance.

## TUG holds cafe night

The group, Talents Used for God will hold a cafe night at 7 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room.

There will be poetry, songs and dance, as well as a talent show. An open discussion will also be held.

Coffee, cappuccino and hot chocolate will be served.

For more information e-mail Cassandra Brulington at s267603@nwmissouri.edu or Rekeshia Simmons at s2401302@nwmissouri.edu.

## New scholarship offered for criminal justice majors

Nodaway County Sheriff Ben Espey is announcing the availability of the John Dennis Scholarship, for criminal justice majors only, which will be awarded by the Missouri Sheriff's Association.

The scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be presented to 16 college-bound Missouri high school seniors who intend to pursue a criminal justice career and will be attending a Missouri college or university.

Applicants must be in good standing with their school, have a good reference from their school counselor, demonstrate financial need, have a 2.0 GPA or greater and be active in extracurricular activities. A paragraph attached to the application detailing goals ten years after high school graduation, is also required.

Students interested in applying for the scholarship may contact the Missouri Sheriff's Association and Training Academy at (573) 635-5925.

Applications are due Jan. 31, 2008

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Northwest Senior Kim Homan prepares for the senior art show, with abstract art and high hopes.

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A leak in the Wells Hall roof causes damage to Mass Communication Department computer equipment.

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## WEB EXCLUSIVES

The Bearcat Bookstore expands and begins to offer online shopping.

Bearcat Crafts creates opportunities to raise money for scholarships.

Pancake breakfast hosted to raise money for the Special Olympics.

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## LOCAL CRIME

## Murder suspects returning to court

By Dominic Genetti  
Community News Editor

Two men accused of committing second-degree murder reappear in court at 9 a.m., Tuesday, at the Nodaway County courthouse for a status review.

Erik Romig, 26, and Nicholas Rosencrans, 21, both of Maryville, are accused of murdering Donald Ray Gardner, Jr., Nov. 16.

Gardner was socializing with Romig and Rosencrans the evening of Nov. 15 at Romig's rented house at 1020 E. First St., it was then an argument and altercation broke out between the three men, Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said.

"We pretty much just have blunt force trauma with an unknown instrument and probably even just fists and feet," Wood said.

Gardner's body was found in an empty lot

behind Romig's house the morning of Nov. 16 by a nearby trash collector.

A 24-year-old woman was present with the three men at the house, court documents identify her as Crystal Williams of Maryville.

Court documents show Williams stated that Romig assaulted Gardner on Nov. 16 in her presence and observed Romig and Rosencrans transport Gardner from the house where the assault occurred.

Everett Walden, who owns the house, said he heard events take place over his police scanner.

"When I went down there, they had my yard all taped off," Walden said.

Romig was two months behind on rent payments and was not allowed to have the two pit bulls that were taken from the home by authorities, Walden said.

"He was kind of a quiet type of person," Walden said. "He'd come in sometimes and

just shoot the breeze."

Surprised with the events that took place, Walden said he plans to fix the house and re-rent the property.

"When people get drunk or drink, they do all kinds of things they wouldn't normally do," he said.

Both Romig and Rosencrans are jailed at \$250,000 bond. Since they are co-defendants, Romig is being held at the Daviess-DeKalb Regional Jail in Pattonsburg.

Rosencrans is being held at the Nodaway County Jail.

At their scheduled arraignment Nov. 20, Rosencrans appeared with Maryville Public Defender Richard Euler.

Presiding Judge Glen Dietrich was informed by Euler of conflict with the case and waived Rosencrans' arraignment.

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Where the heart is?  
Maryville strives to address housing issues

By Sean Comer  
Politics/Courts Reporter

Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerc believes in a social theory George Kelling and Catherine Coles wrote about in 1996. Called the "broken window theory" by some, it suggested a house with one broken window could lead to vandals deciding to break more windows.

"One person doesn't take care of their house, and so their neighbor might not take care of their house anymore and next things you know you've got a big problem," LeCerc said.

That theory, LeCerc said, sums up why Maryville has undertaken a survey to define areas suffering from blighted housing. The survey, which LeCerc said has covered an estimated 25 percent of the community, will define "quadrants of quadrants" where housing conditions may require city attention.

Names themselves will be defined by the survey as "standard," "substandard" or "dilapidated" judging from factors including wiring, roof.

Neither LeCerc nor Public Works Director Greg Decker believe Maryville has a wide-spread problem with blight. Nor does blight's impact on property values and tax revenues have a significant monetary impact on the city, LeCerc said; property tax revenue from homes accounts for less than 10 percent of city revenues — \$6.48 million dollars out of approximately \$85 million, Nodaway County Assessor Rex Wallace said.

Despite not being widespread and not presenting a significant monetary issues, LeCerc addressed blighted housing as an issue of concern when officials from Missouri's DREAM initiative made their first visit to Maryville in October.

LeCerc said addressing all blight issues presents a challenge to a city with two code enforcement officers.

To cover costs, the city reserves the option to place a lien on dilapidated properties and block future construction until the city has recovered the expenses of addressing the issue.

LeCerc said costs could range from \$4,000 to \$10,000, depending on the time and resources needed by the city.

"You could potentially be writing 150 letters at one time," LeCerc said. "When you have two code enforcement officers who are trying to juggle a whole lot of things, that's not the only thing we address."

Even with those challenges in place, the city is willing to work with homeowners to establish a timetable for addressing issues, Decker said. But it must be within reason.

"We try very hard to give them as much time as they need within reason," Decker said. "We know there's financial limitations, weather limitations. There might be situations

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CITY OFFICIALS have undertaken a survey to pinpoint areas with blighted housing. Foundation, siding and roofing problems create both safety and image problems.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vice president steps down  
Wilmes to resume full-time position

By Evan Young  
Managing Editor



Jerry Wilmes

Vice President for Student Affairs and Medical Director Jerry Wilmes recently announced his intention to devote all of his time to the latter post.

Wilmes will serve solely as medical director beginning Jan. 2. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs Jackie Elliot will become vice president.

"I think my reason for agreeing to do the dual role in the first place was, on a broader scale, my passion for students," Wilmes said. "There are so many things in Student Affairs that are going on ... I know all of us want to take it to a higher level, and so I thought based on circumstances the timing was right to return to the health and safety scope of the campus."

The arrangement, recommended by Northwest President Dean Hubbard, needs only a nod of approval from the Board of Regents during its next meeting on Friday, Dec. 14.

Appointed medical director in 1990, Wilmes became interim vice president for Student Affairs in June 2006 after then-vice president Kent Porterfield resigned to take a similar job at the University of St. Louis.

That fall he was named permanent vice president,

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## UNIVERSITY FACULTY

## Assistant professor accepts new post

Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

She has always wanted to work in administration and thought she would have to leave Northwest in order to do that.

When Communication, Theatre and Language Department Assistant Professor Melody Hubbard found out she could stay at Northwest and work in administration she was excited.

Hubbard has accepted the position as the Outreach Assistant Director, stationed at the Northwest Kansas City Center. She will start the job Jan. 2, 2008.

She won't teach during the first semester, but after that teaching will be a possibility again. She has always enjoyed teaching and working with students.

Hubbard has taught full-time at Northwest since 2000.

There are two components of her new job, Hubbard said. One is acting as a liaison with Northwest departments and people in the Kansas City area.

"I'm the person who will connect them with those communities and help them create opportunities to offer additional courses and programs," Hubbard said.

The other part of her job is to be a familiar face in

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## NORTHWEST STUDENT

## Trip home ends in senior's death

Compiled by Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

Services for Abigail Scott, 21 of Kahoka, Mo. were held Saturday at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Kahoka. Burial was in the Kahoka Cemetery.

Scott died Tuesday, Nov. 20, in an automobile accident one mile east of Bethany.

Scott was born Sept. 30, 1986, in Wayne, Neb., the oldest child of Mike and Sue Shepherd Scott.

Survivors include her parents, Mike and Sue Shepherd Scott of Kahoka; brother, Michael Scott, a cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Elsa Scott of Kahoka.

Scott was planning to marry Patrick Kohler of Belton, Mo.

Education and the fine arts were an important part of her life. Before she was in grade school, she was involved in theater, music and drama as well as sports

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Abigail Scott



photo by melissa robbins  
missourian photographer

ALYSSA PRELLBERG does classwork on a University-issued laptop. A new plan would raise the technology fee to replace campus computer equipment.

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## ELECTRONIC CAMPUS

## New plan would replace old technology

By Shane Sherwood  
Chief Reporter

Students may now see new laptop computers every two years, not three.

A plan was presented to Northwest's Board of Regents in October proposing a technology fee increase for new technology to be replaced every two years. If it is passed, tuition could increase \$3 per credit hour.

Information Systems Vice President Jon Rickman said plans were submitted which analyze the University's future computing and telecommunications needs, and sets priorities for various technology initiatives.

The new technology fee increase would also help replace more than 800 desktops in 22 computer labs, 100 electronic classrooms and 13 Internet-connected interactive television classrooms.



## CAMPUS BRIEFS

## High school offers financial aid help

Representatives who work in the University's Scholarships and Financial Assistance Offices will hold Financial Aid Night workshops at several high schools in December and January.

The workshops are open to anyone applying for financial aid for college. During the workshops the University staff will present information about several financial assistance options, including information on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

The staff will hold workshops at the following times and locations: 6 p.m., Dec. 12, at South Nodaway High School; 6 p.m., Dec. 13, at Plattsmouth High School; 6:30 p.m., Dec. 19, at Albany High School; 7 p.m., Dec. 20, in the J.W. Jones Student Union at Northwest for the Maryville area; 6:30 p.m., Jan. 14, Nodaway-Holt High School; 6:30 p.m., Jan. 17, at Fairfax High School and at 7 p.m., Jan. 28, at South Holt High School.

For more information contact the Scholarship and Financial Assistance at 562-1363 or e-mail them a Finaid@nwmissouri.edu.

## Bands to present holiday concert

The wind symphony and the Northwest Jazz Ensemble will hold "Celebrating the Holiday Season," a free concert at 3 p.m., Sunday, in the Performing Arts Center.

The wind symphony is directed by bands director Carl Kling and the jazz ensemble is under the direction of Associate Professor William Richardson.

The purpose of the concert is to welcome the holiday season and spread awareness about the Bearcat Marching Band's trip to London to perform in London's New Year's Day Parade.

## TubaChristmas appears for the first time in Maryville

University brass players and area student musicians will participate in TubaChristmas 2007 at noon, on Wednesday, in the courthouse square in Maryville.

TubaChristmas takes place in over 200 cities in the United States and abroad. The concerts are in remembrance of William Bell, a tubist and teacher who was born on Christmas in 1902.

Those musicians wanting to participate can register between 8 and 9 a.m. the day of the performance in the Charles Johnson Theater with rehearsal starting at 9 a.m. There is a \$5 registration fee for musicians.

The event is sponsored by the Music Department and the Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

## WELLS HALL

## Roof leak ruins Mass Communication equipment

By Kelsi Jo Franklin  
Missourian Reporter

Katie Denison is a student engineer, not a meteorologist.

If she were, she would have found precipitation in the forecast for Sunday inside Wells Hall.

The water was pinpointed to a puncture hole from the roof. The leak caused part of the ceiling in the Mass Communication Department's edit bays to collapse, television and video equipment will be damaged.

Two computers and one monitor were destroyed. There was the possibility of a camera, ranging from \$15,000 to 20,000 being ruined, as well as another monitor. Murphy said the camera was salvageable after giving it a chance to dry out.

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Jodi Strauch,  
Mass Communication Chair

The University insurance cannot cover the cost due to the high deductible, Murphy said.

The funds for the equipment could come from one of three different places: the contract of the roofers or the people who did stone work, the University's insurance or the Mass Communication department's budget.

After Denison and students in the Broadcast Operations class discovered the water, she and Murphy quickly took action, covering the area with a large tarp.

"With the past history of the roof (the Mass Communication) department has come up with proactive measures," Murphy said. "We kept roofing supplies to make sure construction was successful."

After further investigation, a four-inch gash was found on the roof. This puncture allowed melting snow to gather and eventually break through the roof into the ceiling, Murphy said.

The puncture allowed water through a layer of very strong foam mat, two layers of membranes and a seal of asphalt material.

The cause of the puncture cannot be determined. No one knows when it occurred or how long it has been up there.

"It was as if something very heavy had been dropped," Murphy said. The four-inch gash has already been fixed, Murphy said.

There are many problem areas with the roof that have to be watched for leaks, Mass Communication Chair Jodi Strauch said. "A new building would be a dream," Strauch said. "It is not a good impression on a tour to tell the parents of incoming freshmen and prospective students to ignore the hole in the ceiling."



A BROADCASTING STUDENT assesses the damage in the Mass Communication Department's edit bays. A roof leak ruined two computers and a monitor.

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

## 5 Browns perform next in Encore series

By Kelsi Jo Franklin  
Missourian Reporter

When discussing classical music, Mozart, Beethoven or Bach are some of the first names to come to mind.

Not for long. The dynamic of classical music is changing. The 5 Browns bring a new, exciting feel to this style of music with their enthusiastic, casual performances, according to the 5 Browns Web site, The5Browns.com.

The group will perform a two-hour show at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 4, in the Performing Arts Center.

Instead of the formality of classical music, the Browns perform in a more casual style, according to the Web site.

Their goal is to cover the population that has never shown an interest in their style of music.

The 5 Browns — Ryan, Melody, Gregory, Deundra and Deshae — all showed a clear talent and interest for the piano at age 3, according to the Web site.

Each of the five siblings were accepted into New York's Juilliard School. They immediately began to draw attention from the media and music producers, according to the Web site.

In 2005 they released their debut album titled "The 5 Browns". They have received rave reviews for their performances.

"One family, five pianos and 50 fingers add up to the biggest musical sensation in years," said the New York Post.

Since this album they have had three No. 1 albums on the Billboard Classical Charts, said Campus Activities Interim Director Angel McAdams Prescott.

The group has been featured on several television programs: "Tonight with Jay Leno," "The View," "The Martha Stewart Show" and "Oprah."

They also received publicity in various print outlets as well: The New York Times, Parade, the Los Angeles Times and Entertainment Weekly.

Entertainment Weekly said, "They are button down cute and somewhat otherworldly."



THE 5 BROWNS are sibling pianists who will perform as part of the Encore series. They released an album in 2005.

Many are intrigued to see this type of performance. It is not a typical show that college students have had the opportunity to attend.

"It is exciting to have a group of such talented musicians come to Northwest," McAdams Prescott said.

This is the first time for the 5 Browns to perform at Northwest. Many do not know what to expect.

"(One should expect) outstanding musicianship and a unique and energetic musical experience," McAdams Prescott said.

## PERSONALITY PROFILE

## Activities director seeks feedback from students

By Lindsay Jacobs  
University News Editor

She was filling in as the campus activities director temporarily when she found out she got the job. Angel McAdams Prescott was named the campus activities director and said she was thrilled when she found out she got the position.

"I was excited and very honored to have been selected," McAdams Prescott said.

McAdams Prescott has several goals she wants to work toward including enhancing the Encore performing arts series and continuing to improve programming quality.

She wants to make Encore performances more of an experience by offering other events for spectators to attend such as musical performances or an art gallery exhibit. She wants to work with other departments in order to accomplish this.

McAdams Prescott would like to increase attendance to the events and satisfaction.

"There's nothing like the Encore series in this area," McAdams Prescott said.

One of her other goals is to continue to improve the programming for events such as the Distinguished Lecture Series and events put on by organizations such as Greek Life and the Student Activities Council, she said.

One of the ways to accomplish this goal is to look for opportunities to assess students' wants and needs for programs, McAdams Prescott said.

While working to continue to improve the programming there were triple the number of Freshmen Seminar programs offered this year than there usually are, McAdams Prescott said.



Angel McAdams Prescott

McAdams Prescott wants students to know they are always welcome to stop by the Student Activities Office. Students can pick up resources they can use for organizations they are in and also to find out what is happening on campus.

The best, but most challenging part of her job is working with students and enjoys watching students develop as leaders during their time at Northwest, McAdams Prescott said.

Student Affairs Associate Vice President Jackie Elliott has enjoyed working with McAdams Prescott.

"She has been a dream to work with," she said.

Elliott has also noticed that McAdams Prescott cares about the students and said that is very important.

"She loves Northwest — she loves the students... that's just something you can't teach," Elliott said.

## COMMUNITY

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING

## Shopping local a request from area business owners

By Jessie Voyles  
Missourian Reporter

This year, holiday shoppers are spending even more carefully.

This growing trend is causing local retailers such as Wal-Mart and Hy-Vee to jump-start holiday sales with big discounts and other specials.

"We have more roll-backs and more ads this year than the last two to three years. This year, a lot of the holiday focus has been on the electronic area. Toys, are more than board games they are educational," Wal-Mart manager Lonnie Scheffe said.

Wal-Mart also has the Secret Items (e-mail and mobile alerts for in-store discounts) on the Web site as well as in-store specials.

"We will have two more ads coming out this month, instead of the just one," Scheffe stated.

Hy-Vee has promoted holiday spending with weekly ads and holiday mag-log that runs through Christmas said director Greg Chapman.

The real holiday story is the Chamber of Commerce starting the "Shop Local and Win" program, dedicated to promoting locally owned businesses in the Maryville area.

Eight local businesses are participating in the "Shop Local and Win" program this year. On the first visit customers receive an automatic punch on a Shop Local card, no purchase necessary. Following that visit with every \$25 purchase customers receive punches on a card. After acquiring ten punches they are eligible for a drawing to win \$500 in Chamber Bucks. The Chamber Bucks are \$500 that can be used at any participating "Shop Local" business.

Local businesses such as Aroma Brava, Best Brands Plus, Candy Bouquet, Rod's Hallmark, Xpress Solutions, Bookstop Coffee Shop and Antique Mall, Big Bird's Bait and Bows, and C&E Education Station are all participating merchants.

"We started 'Shop Local' the 21st of this month and we have seen a lot of interest in it. The Woodwick Holiday Scent Candles (such as pumpkin butter, gingerbread, spiced eggnog and evergreen) are very popular. People have shown an equal mix in our candles and bodycare products," Aroma Brava manager Norma Eckerson said.

"Currently we have about five different company products on discount. Our product line Time and Again is a buy three get one free. Other products have percentage discounts. All the Christmas candles and decor is 15 percent off," Eckerson said.

Some stores will bring Jolly Saint Nick himself to help with the holiday spending.

"Starting Dec. 1, is Rod's Open house and we will have Santa Claus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. so kids can come in and get pictures taken and get a little gift bag from him and we will have refreshments," Rod's Hallmark manager Renee Schlag said. "From there we will



Andrea Rowland decorates a Christmas tree at World Finance Corporation in downtown Maryville.

have snowman figures on sale on the fifth to the seventh and on Dec. 4 our Christmas wrap is 25 percent off. Non-Hallmark Christmas cards will be 65 percent off on Dec. 6."

Stores such as Xpress Solutions have chosen a different route. "With the Shop Local we are hoping to help people with their packages over the holidays," Xpress Solutions director Eric Coutts said.

"We are having extra holiday hours where we stay open longer throughout the week and on Saturdays, starting a few weeks before Christmas. Also, we are trying to do as many discounts for shipping as possible."

Even new businesses such as Candy Bouquet are taking part in the Shop Local program as well.

"About 90 percent of our customers have shown interest in the Shop Local program," Candy Bouquet Manager CC Gallagher said.

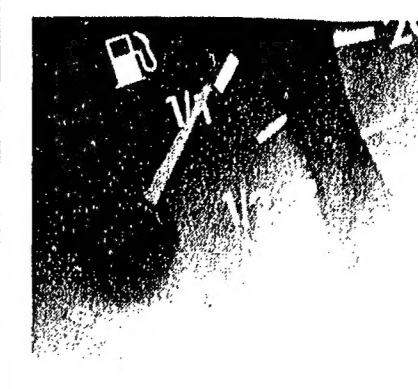
"Our biggest project right now is the Kooky's plush line. It is a new educational virtual reality pet for \$13.50 and we are the only ones locally that carry this product. There is a variety of plush animals and each comes with an online code for the Web site that kicks off Dec. 1. Kids will be able to build and furnish a house, go to college and get a job," Gallagher said.

Candy Bouquet also has the scented plush room freshener animals and soy oil candles. The room freshener animals are customizable and are sold for \$25. The soy oil candles can be used as lotion. Sometime in December, Candy Bouquet hopes to have a \$5 off bargain on the room fresheners, Gallagher added.

"Most of the businesses participating in the Shop Local program are pretty new and have been here five years or less," Best Brands Plus store manager Ellen Brand said. "By participating in this, we are keeping tax dollars low, giving locals jobs and giving customer service. Quite a few people in the appliance and electronic business will only service it if they sell it. With us, it is service after the sale. Service after the sale. I can't stress that enough."

Open for extended hours for the holidays, (8 p.m. every weeknight and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.) Best Brands Plus will also continue to have holiday specials on Hot Friday and special in-store prices.

## FUEL COSTS



By Sean Comer  
Politics/Courts Reporter

Light crude oil prices Tuesday morning, flirted with a record-setting \$100 per barrel \$3 short before falling another \$3 by the end of the day to \$94.70 per barrel.

Meanwhile, demand for ethanol-blended and biodiesel fuels have been helping power soybean and corn bids in Maryville and St. Joseph for months toward high prices not seen since Jimmy Carter's presidency, Maryville Co-op manager Harold Spire said.

Tuesday's bids for soybeans and corn came in at \$9.91 and \$3.52 per bushel respectively, according to the Maryville Co-op. Corn and soybeans in 2006 fetched \$2.25 to \$2.50 and \$6 to \$6.50 per bushel respectively, Spire said.

Consistently high oil prices have contributed "about 90 percent" to this year's high prices, Spire said. It's more than oil, though, he said.

Drought devastated wheat and forced growers to explore other crops. Varying interests — including competition from other crops and Conservation Reserve Program interests — established

price competition. Most of all, Missouri's fuel providers have until Jan. 1, 2008, to blend oil fuels with at least 10 percent ethanol.

There is a provision that waives the 10-percent-blend rule if unleaded fuel happens to be cheaper on the day it's purchased. Already, Casey's General Store locations often sell their Super Unleaded blend with higher ethanol for as much as 10 cents less than regular unleaded. Break Time's E85 fuel with 85 percent ethanol hovers near 50 cents less than the price of regular unleaded fuel.

Minnesota already requires 2 percent biodiesel in all diesel fuels.

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"As our acreages shrink — be it urban sprawl, CRP or other crops — they're fighting for acres to grow this crop on," Spire said. "The government's really been a push behind alternative energy. It's all contributed to the biofuels."

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## Biofuels drive corn prices to highest point in decade

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continue to rush to meet a global deadline for developing alternative fuel sources.

By that time, Spire said, new means of refining ethanol and other biofuels from may cut into demand.

"We've gotta use so many alternative fuels by 2012," Spire said. "At this time, they're also looking at cellulose and biomass fuels, so I think that once they get that perfected, then some of the crop prices might come down."

Maryville's harvest is processed for either food or fuel uses at any of several St. Joseph firms, including Golden Triangle Energy Cooperative. Plant General Manager Charlie Martin doesn't see the crop price boom completely positively.

Though the cost of grinding 20,000 bushels of corn each day has increased, ethanol prices have not followed suit to cover those costs, cutting into profit margins.

"Ethanol prices haven't gone up, really," Martin said. "It's the other way around. A year or two ago, when the industry was really booming, that means an excess supply. That means the price is depressed and it hurts the plant's margin."

## CITY BRIEFS

## St. Paul's annual Advent event Dec. 13

The St. Paul's Sacred Hills Regional Ministry will hold its annual Service of Advent Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m., Saturday. A reception will follow the service. St. Paul's will also provide Christmas cookies to residents of the Maryville Treatment Center. Donated cookies need to be dropped off at the church by Thursday, Dec. 13. Christmas Eve worship will be held at 5 p.m. at St. Oswald's St. Mary's 7:30 p.m. and St. Paul's 11 p.m.

## Local church holding alternative Christmas

An Alternative Christmas fair will be held from 9 a.m. to noon this Sunday and Sunday Dec. 9th at the First Christian Church in Maryville. A Greater Gift sale will feature handcrafted house wares, jewelry, Christmas decorations, toys, musical instruments and games. The Greater Gift program is a not for profit organization providing food and income to lift families out of poverty.

## Christmas past on display at museum

The Nodaway County Historical Museum how "Christmas at the Museum" this weekend. The holiday exhibit will focus on the Great Depression, a period of economic hardships located at 110 N. Walnut St. in Maryville and will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

## SCOTT: Life remembered

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and academic activities.

She transferred to Clark Co. R-1 High School her senior year from Fremont, Neb. when her parents purchased The Media in Kahoka. She was a 2004 Clark County R-1 Honor graduate and graduated from Southeast Iowa Community College at Keokuk. Scott was currently a senior political science major at Northwest where she was also a member of the ROTC Squad.

Scott was the Clark County coordinator for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and worked at the Clark County License Office when she was home. The past year she had been employed by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce and License Bureau.

She was the 2003-2004 Old Settler's Queen and the current Miss Northeast Missouri, and competed in the Miss Missouri Pageant in June. She was active in the Church of the Nazarene in Keokuk and participated in church choirs and theater since she was a little girl. She had been in several of the Great River Player productions in Keokuk.



THE NEW NODAWAY Humane Society's funding falls short each year, providing temporary shelter to cats and dogs looking for homes.

Many Society members look forward to helping out with the luncheon, Corley said.

"This provides a way that members can help contribute through their time and donation of salads," Corley said.

Event tickets cost \$6.

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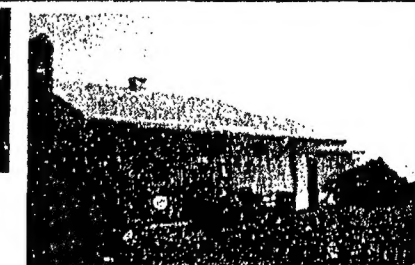
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By Robert Wallace  
Missourian Reporter

The Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority plans to host a pancake breakfast fund-raiser for the Special Olympics. The name SOHOP is based after the International House of Pancakes.

The fund-raiser is from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Maryville-Community Center. The cost is \$6 per person, and the menu includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. The event is catered by Chris Cakes.

This is the second year of the event. Last year, they raised \$300.

"This year we are hoping to meet that amount and possibly go above and beyond," Alpha Sigma Alpha philanthropist Julie Gosnell said.

All members of the sorority volunteer each spring in the Special Olympics track and field meet.

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OUR VIEW

## Holiday season should be time for donating

Black Friday, or the Friday following Thanksgiving, symbolizes the attitude of the American holiday season. It's a time for moms and dads, aunts and uncles, siblings and friends to race to their favorite stores for too-good-to-be-true sales.

Like it or not, the holiday season, whether you're celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or other holiday of your choice, has become a season of shopping and commercialization.

Perhaps this is the year then to celebrate not only by buying gifts for friends and family; but also by donating money or goods to your favorite cause.

Here in Maryville there are a number of programs students and community members can donate to.

Students, you can stop by the J.W. Jones Student Union and participate in the Angel Tree program. You get to pick a family and then purchase items they need.

The Ministry Center, located at 971 S. Main St., is always looking for donations. Maybe you can even donate some used clothes that no longer fit.

If you're an animal lover and you haven't stopped in to visit the New Nodaway Humane Society, perhaps you should.

At the shelter you can find just about every breed of dog imaginable and cats of just about any color.

Some animals are sponsored and have no adoption fee, others cost anywhere from \$25 to \$70, but come with free spaying or neutering and a microchip, which allows your pet to be identified if lost.

If you don't want to adopt a pet for yourself, you can support the society by donating supplies or money, or by purchasing a 2008 "Forever Friends" calendar.

All proceeds from the calendars will go to the shelter. You can also help out by becoming a buddy to an animal of your choice for just \$10 a month.

The Northwest Missourian isn't saying give up all of your holiday giving traditions, but maybe this year you can give a little more to those who need it most.

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MY VIEW

## You know you're in a Maryville drinking establishment when ...

Like many of our fellow Northwest students, we enjoy the occasional night out in the Maryville bar "scene" ... if you want to call it that.

Though each of the bars has something unique about them, they all share some common traits that let you know that you are, in fact, in a Maryville bar.



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger  
Contributing Columnists

Some of these are:  
Drinks cost less than a gallon of gas.

Say what you will about Maryville bars, you'll appreciate them some day when you're shelling out \$5 per beer in Westport.

Your cup is plastic ... and it might just have your name on it.

Nothing screams "class" like scribbling your own name with a Sharpie on your cup when you walk in the door.

There are threaded discussions on the bathroom walls.

We've seen everything from Greek letters to "Amber and Katie, BF4L" on the bathroom walls, followed by "suck" in another person's handwriting, followed by "no YOU suck!" in someone else's handwriting.

Who are these people? More importantly, who is bringing markers to the bar?

There are two bathrooms: Girls and Unisex.

That's right ... as trashy as it may be, no sign that says "Men" is going to stop a determined young lady unwilling to wait in the girls' line.

Guys, you may think you have your own restroom, but you are sorely mistaken.

So go out there and enjoy these fine establishments, Maryville!

And be sure to tip those bartenders ... you're drinking all night for less than \$10, you can afford to throw a few their way.

MY VIEW

## Russian elections show why evolution is necessary

Relations between the United States and Russia are strained as the time for the lower house of Russia's parliamentary elections draw near to December.

President Vladimir Putin is running as the figure head for the United Russia party, showing that he will be an active force in the political spectrum long after he finishes his second term as president and, mandated by the Russian constitution, steps down from office next March.

Putin even goes as far as to say that he has a moral right to maintain power. "I'll come back to that."

The Russian government is a constitutional federation which emerged after the dissolution of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s, marking it as only a toddler.

Russia is separated into three branches: the executive, legislative and judicial branches. Each wields a certain amount of power, but the executive branch holds the most, especially



Kathleen Wilmes  
Contributing Columnist

after constitutional changes brought on by the first leader in the new Russian government, Boris Yeltsin.

The executive branch is split into two main offices that hold power: the president and the prime minister. The head of state (the president) holds more power compared to the head of government (the prime minister), who is chosen by the president. If the president resigns, or cannot perform his duties, the prime minister will fill the role until further elections take place.

The legislative branch is a bicameral parliamentary system, meaning it's split into two main parts consisting of a more powerful lower house, the State Duma and an upper house, the Federation Council.

The front-runner of the parties in the State Duma elections is United Russia, which is supporting Putin. Putin will win a landslide victory and will probably resign from office in December.

The prime minister, placed by the president, will act as president until further elections.

Lately, elections for not only the State Duma, but also the presidency, have been thought of as less than democratic. A safety net to ensure the legitimacy falls with the OSCE (the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe). However, because of disorganization with visas and the number of invited election observers cut drastically, the OSCE will not be monitoring the elections, making it uncertain if they are democratic.

In response to the election observers' inability to monitor the elections, the Russian government is blaming the United States for meddling.

According to Putin, the United States pressured the OSCE, even though the election observers strongly dispute the claim, responding that it was only the Russian government that restricted the organization.

Now, let's go back to the consequences. Obviously, the president was not meant to wield so much power for so long, as mandated by the constitution limiting the consecutive terms

elects as president. But is it right for the president to still control Russia, having the country continue on the course set by him after he steps down? And is it really right to have a prime minister, who is chosen by the president with the same ideals, to step into place, allowing one force to control the executive and legislative branches? Their purpose is to separate powers, and were never meant to be the same power.

This only shows the importance of reform. It is not the moral right for the president to maintain power after he steps down from office, and is most certainly not a moral right to completely hinder any progress this government has made.

The moral right does not belong to Putin. It is, however, the moral right for Russian citizens to become activists and say no.

Russia is still new, and of course, not perfect — this will happen in any government.

This is an example for any government, showing us why reform is absolutely necessary.

Times evolve. Governments must evolve as well.

COMMENTARY

## Black Friday shopping too crazy for editor

Whitney Keyes  
Asst. Features Editor

So, it's official. I joined the crazy side. Yes, yes, I have gone over to the dark side. I have joined the vicious women. The women who will go to any length to satisfy. The women unafraid to shove, yell and push to get their way. My once good-girl nature has been demolished, abandoned — set aside in the hopes of finding the perfect gift, and saving a dollar.

I went shopping on Black Friday.

This was my first year embarking on this adventure, joining almost 150 million other shoppers. And I was no pansy about this shopping either. I followed the mantra of so many shoppers before me, "Go big, or go home."

It all started when I decided I simply had to give my boyfriend a digital picture frame. If I didn't get that frame, well, then he probably wouldn't love me anymore, so it was a must in my book.

To be honest, I've been planning on this for quite some time now, probably since September. I had scheduled the day after Thanksgiving for shopping. The square in my day planner was Sharped out so I would know not to make any plans.

It worries me slightly that I was so obsessed with getting this frame. I knew I wanted it, and had to go out on Black Friday since right about the time my government term paper was assigned. But, whereas I didn't think about my term paper at all, or research anything (really do anything, at all ... my bad!) I thought about shopping all the time. I Googled "digital picture frames" and "Black Friday shopping." I researched, I scoured the Net looking for average prices, the good brands and store times.

You know it's bad when you focus more on shopping than a 100-point paper. Oops.

So, Thanksgiving morning arrives. While watching the parade, I examine the ads as closely as possible. Not even joking, I looked at every ad, wrote down the stores' opening times, and checked how much their frames were going for. I had an entire sheet of paper with prices scribbled on it, the scribbles of a woman gone mad.

Armed with my trusty little sheet of times and prices, I headed over to my boyfriend's house, later on Thanksgiving day, where I meet up with my fellow crazies; him, his

mother and his cousin. There was a whirlwind of coupons, little sheets of paper and ads as we strategized our game plan. It was decided we would first hit J.C. Penney's at 4 a.m., then Kohl's, then Toys "R" Us and then take it from there. I had to be at Ace Hardware when they opened at 7 a.m. (so late) and get the frame, which I deemed the best because it has MP3 capabilities. Surely no one would be at Ace Hardware, so it'd be a piece of cake, or pumpkin pie, if you wish.

On the fateful day, I was woken up, rather rudely, by the lights flashing on suddenly and the covers being ripped off at 3:30 a.m. Ridiculous. Bundled up, yet still cold and grumpy we headed off to the first store. We were out in 10 minutes, having scored a panda bear Weebkin for \$15. It was here, while waiting for Josh's mom to pay for the beloved panda, that I saw the most shocking sight of my life. At 4 a.m., an obese man, wheeling his oxygen tank behind him, prowling around the store, looking for the deal of a lifetime. I think that might be a bit much.

After J.C. Penney's had been such an in-and-out stop, I assumed the rest of the morning would be similar. No, not so much. Kohl's and Toys "R" Us both had lines that snaked around the store lasting over an hour. I'm sorry, but I was saving \$15 really worth an hour-long line? Am I missing something here?

Other stops included Younkers, Sears and of course, Ace Hardware, the only store I really needed. I was bewildered to see it too had a line outside, waiting for the store to open its doors for insanely low prices, coffee and a free-soda (to the first 100 people).

I was too late to get it, dang. Once we finally inched our way to the door, and the sprinted to the frames, I grabbed it, and clutched it to my chest in fear of a savage ripping it out of my hands. Within 5 minutes, they were all gone. But I had mine! Yes! Victory is mine! All hail the successful Black Friday shopper!

All in all, I was out shopping for almost 12 hours total that fateful day in history. I spent around \$150 and all my Christmas shopping is done. It wasn't that bad, but it wasn't that fun either, and now I have nothing to look forward to — no more shopping for me. It's doubtful that I will hit up the stores so bright and early again on Black Fridays to come, but if I do, watch out. I have learned the ways of the vicious, and I will get what I want.

## HOUSING: Homes fall into disrepair for unknown reasons

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surrounding the owner we may not know about."

Some concern for housing issues stems from Maryville's close-knit nature — both in physical proximity and in sense of community.

"Maybe it is the size of Maryville," Decker said. "We don't have segregation in Maryville ... You don't have that family separation."

"It's because we do share so much. We all have everything in common and that's Maryville and the positive attitude and pride that everybody has in Maryville."

Neither LeClerc nor Decker could point to one reason certain homes fall into disrepair.

One resident with past issues came away jarred from his dealings with the city.

Nathan Jones and his significant other purchased the multi-family house at 611 N. Buchanan in 2001, when he relocated from Michigan. A contractor licensed in both St. Joseph and Maryville, Jones recognized the house's need for improvements.

Not long ago, Jones struggled to acquire the refinancing he needed to repair his investment property.

Today, with help from renter Aaron Black, who lives in a downstairs apartment, the house has been improved enough to satisfy both the city and neighbors.

"I've had a lot of compliments on the house," Black said. "The guys next door say it's not the 'crack house' anymore."

Nevertheless, Jones described his experience dealing with the city on the issues as "pretty horrible." Jones said despite receiving

## Black, blue bruises not necessary for shopping

By Tara Adkins  
Features Editor

While people froze in line risking hypothermia to save \$20, I slept soundly in the warmth of my bed.

Black Friday is the day blood-thirsty females unite to succumb to their inner-most desire — shopping. They risk scrapped knees, black eyes and the loss of dignity to save a buck or two.

I, however, am anything but the typical Black Friday shop-a-holic. Although the desire for shopping flows deeply through my veins, I refuse to get in fist fights over a \$15, off-brand DVD player.

After eating massive amounts of turkey and pumpkin pie the day before, the last thing my body needs is the shock of running down shopping aisles.

I prefer sleeping.

My sister did manage to coerce me into facing these mad crowds, but not until at least 10 a.m. My mom, sister, 3-year-old niece and I piled into the wagon and braved the trails we were about to set forth.

Because my funds are considerably lacking, I told everyone a head of time to not expect much this Christmas. It shouldn't be about opening a 300-inch plasma TV or a 4,000 GB iPod on Christmas morning. It should be about sharing. And for family and friends out there, the new touch screen iPod would be a great way to share your love for me.

We started at every child's only perception of heaven — Toys "R" Us. And the parking lot was insane.

My sister hit about three kids on the way into a parking spot so far away we had to pack a lunch just to stay nourished on our journey to the storefront.

Once inside, we gasped. We screamed.

We cried — in utter joy. The store was nothing what we had expected. We found a cart and navigated our way in and out of aisles with ease. However, we had to find the Grow and Know Your Name Puddle covered by any 3-year-old.

It couldn't be the lovable golden retriever. No, it had to be the poodle.

Although it was somewhat busy and we left poodle-less, we

were thankful for getting in and out within 30 minutes.

Our next stop — the mall. What were we thinking? And this is the best part. The only reason we risked death was so my sister could pick out more shirts ... for herself. And that should explain it all.

After spending a couple hours with my sister's road rage, my mother's anxiety with crowds and my niece's Backyardigans Sing-a-Long CD, I was ready to go home. But we had one last stop. Wal-Mart.

Now Wal-Mart is bad enough on any given Saturday morning. If it isn't the 300-pound toothless shoppers who somehow manage to walk perfectly fine from their Astrovan parked in a handicapped spot, it's the Boy Scouts chas-ing after you to buy trash bags.

And that's before you even walk in.

How - ever, I was astonished as I stepped foot into the corporate super-giant. It had nothing on Toys "R" Us.

We didn't even have to run through an obstacle course to achieve our final mission — the poodle. My sister swiped the last one and then contemplated if she could really spend \$50 on a gift my niece will toss aside after one hour. I told her if she didn't buy it right then and there, I would be forced to take away her Christmas.

When she arrived at the 20 items or less check out, she thanked me tremendously. The poodle was not \$50, but \$32.89. What a deal. Just shows how risk-taking pneumonia has no edge on sleeping in.

I just pray I never have children who expect the latest and greatest toy on Christmas morning because I will never earn that Mother of the Year Award.

Sorry kids, this mom is sleeping in.

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## HUBBARD: Job located in Kansas City

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the Liberty area, helping with recruitment, advising, teaching and the day-to-day management of the Kansas City Center.

Hubbard's background and connections will be an asset to her new position, Outreach Director Sandra Eckert-Stewart said.

The Communication, Theatre, and Language Department and other faculty have been gracious about her getting the job, Hubbard said.

"People have expressed to me over and over genuine congratulations," she said.

When she talked to the Com-

munication, Theatre and Language Department chair about applying for the job he was supportive, Hubbard said.

Before her teaching career began, Hubbard had 15 to 17 years of corporate experience.

"This isn't the first time I've supervised people or managed something," Hubbard said.

Since she doesn't start the job until Jan. 2, Hubbard has not had a lot of time to discuss with the committee that hired her what her goals are for the new position.

When she does have time to meet with them she said the goals they have for her will become her goals to accomplish.

## MURDER: Records show criminal past

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Romig had no representation and pleaded not guilty to the crime and was provided with a public defender application.

The Maryville Public Defender's office would not comment, however, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney David Baird said. Both Romig and Rosencrans cannot be represented by the Maryville Public Defender and will have conflict counsel from St. Joseph.

Should a conflict occur with the St. Joseph Public Defender, Baird said representation comes from a private lawyer, or the Kansas City or Columbia, public defender.

Previous criminal records show Romig faced charges of adult abuse, stalking, Rosencrans' criminal history shows second-degree burglary and theft.

Rosencrans appeared in court Nov. 26 to revoke probation he received from his previous crimes.

Gardner, who went by his middle name, Ray, worked as a cook at Grays Truck Stop and Restaurant in Maryville.

Owner Marc Neff called Gard-

ner a company employee.

"Thirty minutes early he'd show up, six days a week he worked," Neff said. "If we needed anybody to fill in, he'd be willing to do it."

Gardner's family in Conway, N.H., said he hadn't been seen or heard from in over a decade.

"He was a loner, he chose to live the kind of life that he had and if he had did some good with his life, then that's a credit to him," said Ann Gardner, Ray's step-mother.

Ray's sister, Debbie Eastman, said he fell into drugs and alcohol at young age.

"He'd always been a troubled person," Eastman said.

Ann did her best to look beyond Ray's faults.

"I try to kind of overlook the bad



ERIC ROMIG HEADS to his arraignment Nov. 20, charged with the Nov. 16 murder of Donald Ray Gardner, Jr.

things, but the kind of sort of wanted to be his own person," Ann said.

Ray's body was taken to the Jackson County medical examiner for autopsy.

A representative with the medical examiner's office said the body was released Nov. 20 to Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

Funeral Director Gary Hann said Ray was cremated at the request of his family.

"We'll all remember him in a different way," Ann said. "We're just going to go on with life."

## WILMES: New roles take effect Jan. 2

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but decided to continue working at the University Wellness Center on a limited basis. However, higher enrollment, additional wellness staff, expanding Wellness Center services and the heavy load that came with simultaneously filling two positions led him to his decision to return, he said.

Returning as full-time medical director means Wilmes will work more in-depth in the areas of health services improvement, emergency planning and sports medicine, among others, Wilmes said.

"Wearing the two hats, it was more administrative oversight and other people doing that, but I'd like to roll up my sleeves and get involved in helping contribute to the plans we develop and all those processes," Wilmes said.

In addition to those responsibilities, Wilmes would also like to pursue teaching health and wellness, although those plans aren't final, he said.

Wilmes will work primarily out of the Wellness Center, located on the northwest corner of campus. He'll lose, and miss, some of the student interaction he got while working in the Student Affairs complex at the J.W. Jones Student Union - argu-

ably the heart of campus. However, Wilmes said he wants to make room in his schedule to get back some of that interaction time.

"We've got a great facility, but we're kind of on the periphery of campus," he said. "I want to be able to check the pulse of students. Are we providing what they need?"

"The other part of that is that it's just been a tremendous learning opportunity for me, to see what the rest of ... the campus community does day to day from a different perspective."

Elliot came to Northwest as dean of students in July 2006. However, when Wilmes became vice president and medical director, his numerous responsibilities constituted the need for Elliot to step up and serve as associate vice president, she said.

This personnel change is just one of several that have happened in Student Affairs during the past year and a half, such as the appointments of directors in counseling and student activities, Elliot said. However, she's confident this transition will be smooth - something that's especially important for Northwest students.

"There should never be an interruption to any of their services," Elliot said. "That if you come in today and meet with Dr. Wilmes on

an issue and then tomorrow I'm in that position, it should not change the outcome for the student."

"We are Student Affairs. Who we serve comes at the beginning of all our titles."

As vice president, Elliot will become more involved with Cabinet-level decisions and the implementation of new Student Affairs programming and initiatives. She'll also monitor the growth of current programs.

"My short-term goal is to continue the momentum we have in some very important projects, give the division (student affairs) the opportunity to adjust to the new staff and new changes, and then look toward the spring ... focusing on what are our future goals, what is it we want to do, what is it we want to be, and work toward those as a team," Elliot said.

"You don't do anything in a vacuum, so we need to, as a whole, decide where we're going ... and I see it as my role to make sure that happens, that what the division needs and wants comes to fruition."

The search for a new associate vice president, as well as a dean of students, will probably not begin until after the Regents approve her new position, Elliot said.

## TECH: Fee could increase by \$3 next fall

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A key part of the four-year plan is the proposed expansion of Northwest's laptop program to include the students living of campus, Rickman said.

The two-year-old laptops would be distributed to off-campus residents who need them.

Implementing a revised student laptop program will cost more money, Rickman said.

The Computing Office is suggesting an increase in the current technology fee from \$7 to \$10. This increase would begin in Fall 2008.

It would be subject to approval by the Board of Regents as part of next year's budget.

Some students who live on campus like the idea of better technology.

"If it brings better computers it will be worth the tuition increase," student Sara Whitten said. "The computers that Northwest has now do not even work half of the time."

Some students do not like the idea of a tuition increase.

"Increasing the tuition is not going to help anything," student Zach Kearns said. "Technology

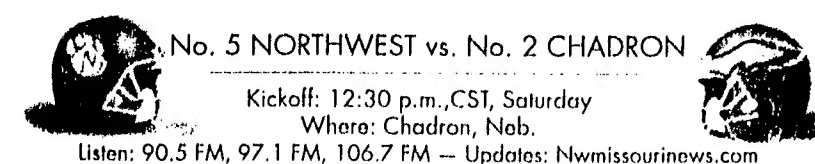
does not need replaced every two years if it is good enough technology to last longer than two years."

Northwest also wants wireless for all classrooms throughout the campus.

Providing wireless service to classrooms has its problems because reliable technology does not exist to turn wireless off when it is not needed, Rickman said.

The University also wants to get rid of landlines because they are expensive.

Students and parents, however, would like landline 911 services in case of an emergency.



### NW FOOTBALL



NORTHWEST TIGHT END Mike Peterson makes a move towards the end zone last Saturday against West Texas A&M. Peterson led all receivers with 96 yards receiving.

# SPORTS

## Defense not overlooking Chadron quarterback

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

Last season, Northwest coaches weren't sure which quarterback they should prepare for when facing Chadron in quarterfinal action.

Starter Joe McLain was hurt last year, and it was believed the Eagles would go with the healthier Tyler Hidrogo. Both ended up splitting time and combined for three touchdowns passes in the 28-21 loss to Northwest.

McLain removed belief that Chadron is a one-dimensional offense. McLain has thrown 17 touchdown passes and nine rushing touchdowns.

"They're a complete football team. They're not just Danny Woodhead," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "If we go into this game thinking we shut him down and the game's over, we'd have some problems. We're going to be facing a team that can throw the football and

a quarterback that's very mobile. That can create you some problems."

In last Saturday's wild 76-73 triple overtime win over Abilene Christian, McLain led a 36-point fourth quarter comeback, throwing four touchdowns to three different receivers in regulation. In overtime, McLain had one touchdown pass and two rushing touchdowns, including the 12-yard game-winner.

"He's a kid that's been overlooked for several years. Honestly, he's the best competitor on our team," Chadron coach Bill O'Boyle said. "I'm happy to say we've had other guys step up that have always been in this program. People just don't see us as a one-man team anymore."

When Danny Woodhead left with an injury Oct. 18 against Nebraska-Kearney, McLain accounted for all four of Chadron's touchdowns in the 28-16 win.

He repeated the same feat the following week against Mesa State, throwing the only touchdown

pass in a 7-6 win that, at the time, had playoff implications with both teams in the top six in the Southwest region.

"He's really learned the system well," O'Boyle said. "When Danny went down, he really stepped it up as far as his leadership role, more vocal in practice. He's done a great job of that all year."

The Northwest defense intercepted McLain twice in last year's win, but defensive end Caleb Dohrman thinks McLain is a lot more confident in film he's seen this year, as opposed to last year.

"He's a real threat offensively, as much as Danny Woodhead is. We'll be prepared for both of them," Dohrman said.

O'Boyle preaches to his team to take it one game at a time, but admits the team talked about wanting another shot at Northwest since last year's quarterfinal.

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## SHOWDOWN AT CHADRON

Record-setting running backs hype quarterfinal contest

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

After Xavier Omon rushed for 107 yards and four touchdowns in last Saturday's second-round win over West Texas A&M, the question came up.

Does not making the Harlon Hill cut bother you?

The question brought a smile to Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma's face and a look of dismay to the face of quarterback Joel Osborn. Omon, left off the list of national finalists for the second-straight year, answered the question calmly.

"Not at all. Honestly, hopefully Northwest fans and others can stop arguing about it. It's not a big deal," Omon said. "Hopefully, this will be my third opportunity to play for a national championship."

Omon and reigning Harlon Hill trophy winner Danny Woodhead meet Saturday in a rematch of last year's quarterfinal. Omon won round one, rushing for 158 yards and a touchdown in the 28-21 win, while Northwest held Woodhead to 16 yards.

Omon and Northwest advanced to the national championship for the second-straight year. For Woodhead, he posed for photographs next to the 21/2 foot, 63-pound trophy with the loss to Northwest still fresh in his mind.

This season, the accolades and exposure continued for Woodhead. He broke the NCAA career rushing record set in 2000 by R.J. Bowers of Division III Grove City (Pa.) College in a 21-0 win over Western New Mexico on Oct. 6. The milestone earned him a feature story in the Oct. 22 issue of *Sports Illustrated*.

"I wanted to leave no doubt this year," Woodhead said in the article. Omon said he has nothing but respect for the running back that has 7,871 career-rushing yards, and is tied for first with former Pittsburg State running back Germaine Race on the all-time rushing touchdowns list with 109.

"Danny Woodhead, he deserves it, (he) has done a great job. Can't take anything away from him," Omon said. "To me, it's not about individual awards. I don't care. If we're still playing in the championship game, that's all I care about."

Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma doesn't think the defense can repeat the dominating performance seen in last year's game, but can still be effective.

"He (Woodhead) had a hard time, getting beyond the line of scrimmage. To feel like we can do that again, I don't know," Tjeerdsma said. "I think our defensive line has come around, and I feel good about the way we're playing right now, but it's going to be a different challenge."

"I think we go into this game more looking for a way to slow him down, rather than saying we're going to stop him. I don't think that's being very realistic."

Program changes  
Omon and Woodhead's path to Division II excellence began in the Cornhusker state. Omon played high school football at Beatrice High, while Woodhead starred at North Platte High, nearly four hours away. After graduating, both players went to the University of Nebraska, only to be told they'd have to walk on.

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### MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL FEATURE

## McClellan looking to resurrect deterred career

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

When athletes suffer season-ending injuries, they usually return the next season with something to prove.

When another season gets derailed, some ponder if it was not meant to be.

When three years are altered, most limp out the door.

Blair McClellan is not a typical athlete.

She is attempting to make an impact on a team filled with players who were in middle school the last time she was healthy enough to play.

The senior guard started as a freshman for the Maryville basketball team, but three injuries and four surgeries got in the way of a promising high school career.

Ankle, shoulder and knee injuries changed her lifestyle, but they did not take away her desire for a sport she's worked so hard to be a part of.

At times, McClellan thought she wasn't built to play again, but with encouragement from her family and watching her teammates play from the bleachers convinced her to give



SENIOR BLAIR MCCLELLAN drives to the basket in the first half of the opening game against Mid-Buchanan. She scored 10 points in the first game of her comeback. McClellan hadn't played in a game since December of 2004.

it one final try.

"I didn't feel like doing it at all," McClellan said. "I told my mom I wasn't going to do rehab (after her last injury). I told her that I was just going to quit. But my sister and my dad definitely talked me into trying again, so I did it."

"I don't think I ever really wanted to quit. I think I just got down on myself because I kept getting re-injured, and I was just upset with myself, but I knew I couldn't quit. My body felt like quitting, but my mind

didn't want to."

Committed freshman  
In the fall of 2004, McClellan, who had been playing basketball for five years, skipped volleyball to dedicate herself to earning a starting spot with the Spoofhounds. The freshman was rewarded when she trotted out with the starting five that November. She was the leading scorer in the first round of the Nodaway County Tournament, which the "Hounds" ended up winning, and scoring ahead without thinking about it.

But the joy wouldn't last until New Year's Day. Over Christmas break, she and her younger sister, Shannon, made a trip to the Maryville Community Center for a simple pickup game.

Her playing days wouldn't be the same. A freakish fall caused McClellan to tear all the ligaments and tendons in her left ankle.

After continuing to re-injure it in practice, McClellan opted to go under the knife in January.

Having her season end in a

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### NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Season begins unblemished

By Scott Levine  
Sports Editor

With 10 days before facing another opponent, the Northwest women's basketball team has time to evaluate how its season has shaped up so far.

Entering the break at 4-0 (as of press time), coach Gene Steinnmeyer said he's pleased with the record, but adjustments can be made.

"I can't complain about being 4-0," Steinnmeyer said. "I'm not sure I'm so happy team-wise, but record-wise I'm pleased."

Consistency has been a main contributor to Steinnmeyer's worries. The Bearcats opened the season with a 57-55 victory over Evangel and then turned around the next night and won 110-67 over Avila.

During the Yellow Jacket Classic last weekend, Northwest opened with a 74-59 over host school Montana State-Billings but followed that effort with a 69-67 win over Mary (N.D.).

"Inconsistencies have me worried," Steinnmeyer said. "We haven't been as good a defensive team in the second half. We need to crank it up and be much better."

Northwest has led at halftime in each game this season. However, Mary and Evangel outscored the "Cats" in the second half by a combined 15 points.



NORTHWEST PLAYERS JESSICA BURTON and ANDREA DILL battle over a loose ball during the season's first game. Look for a complete game story of Wednesday's game against South Dakota on nwmissourianews.com.

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## SHOWDOWN: Backfields carry teams

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Omon arrived at Northwest as the program began to change its pass-first mentality. The Bearcats were in need of a running back. At the end of the 2003 season, Northwest's leading rusher had 417 yards as the Bearcats missed the playoffs for the second time in four years.

Since 2004, Omon has rushed for an NCAA-record 1,500 yards in four consecutive seasons and, coincidentally, Northwest made the playoffs with the earliest exit coming in the quarterfinals, Omon's freshman year. "He's far exceeded what I think anybody thought he'd be," Tjerdema said. "We thought he'd be a really good player, but he's much better than that."

While Omon went to a school that already established itself as a national power, Woodhead arrived at Chadron State. The school in the Nebraska panhandle finished 8-2 in 2002 and 2003, but missed the playoffs both times. In Woodhead's first season, he rushed for 1,840 yards and 25 touchdowns as the Eagles finished 7-3, missing the playoffs because of a defense that gave up nearly 30 points a game.

The Eagles finished 4-6 in 2005 as Woodhead rushed for 1,769 yards and 21 touchdowns. Last season, Chadron earned its first playoff win in a 43-17 victory over West Texas A&M in the second round of the playoffs. Woodhead won the Harlon Hill, giving notoriety to a school that produced former Buffalo Bills wide receiver Don Beebe, for whom the stadium is named.

"Danny brought something to this program we've never had before. He's a primitive type player," Chadron coach Bill O'Boyle said. "With his numbers and what he did, he put us on the map. It wasn't because of the scores in the RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference), it was the huge numbers he put up. That gave us kind of a recognition."

Woodhead said he looks forward to playing against Omon Saturday and the Northwest defense he describes as "talented and disciplined."

## UNBLEMISHED: Challenges lie ahead

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"We have to start doing the little things better," junior guard Amber Vandever said. "We need to just keep putting pressure on the ball and catch the other team off guard."

Vandever has added to increased depth, which Steinmeyer points out as a relief compared to previous years. Vandever is averaging 4.5 points per game, while Jessica Burton and Mandi Schumacher came off the bench contributing 6.8 and 9.8 points per game.

"Last year, we lived in fear of foul trouble and injuries," Steinmeyer said.

Steinmeyer said South Dakota, Arkansas Tech and UNO should be quality tests to see how much improvement is needed before leaving for Christmas break.

The 'Cats return to action at 6 p.m., Dec. 8, in Russellville, Ark.

### NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Henry named MIAA Player of Week

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

Hunter Henry was surprised to hear he had been named the MIAA Player of the Week. The reigning league's most valuable player earned the award five times, but he expected a fellow teammate to win instead.

"I really thought Andy Peterson was going to get it. He played great this weekend," Henry said.

Henry averaged 16.7 points and 7.8 rebounds in three games against Tabor (Kan.), Bellarmine (Ky.) and then No. 10 Southern Indiana. Peterson averaged 19.5 points, 7.5 rebounds and made six 3-pointers as No. 3 Northwest (5-0) swept the Southern Indiana Thanksgiving Classic last weekend in Evansville, Ind.

The Bearcats overcame slow

first-half starts to pull out wins. Against Bellarmine, Henry shot 29 percent in the first half, only to shoot 59 percent in the second half to pull away for a 67-60 win.

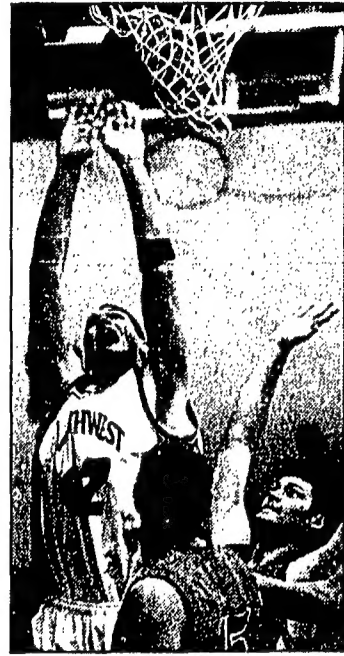
Against Southern Indiana, the Screaming Eagles opened the game on a 15-5 run, with a 43-32 halftime lead. Henry scored eight points as Northwest went on an 18-0 run in the second half to take the lead and an eventual 74-66 win against the team that eliminated Northwest from the 2004 Elite Eight.

"Both games kind of mirrored each other. We always don't want someone to outmatch our intensity, but in both games, they did," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "I think we got on the floor and we thought we hadn't been playing hard, but we didn't realize it was another level."

"Our guys hung together, they stayed positive. If they got it going, I felt like we had to get down before we got into that competitive attack mode. Now that we see what that feels like, we got to figure out how to play 40 minutes of that as much as we can."

Northwest hosts Nebraska-Omaha at 7 p.m. Saturday. Northwest holds a 19-game winning streak at Bearcat Arena and are tied with Metro State for the third-longest streak in Division II.

The Mavericks, who begin MIAA play next season, are off to a 5-0 start. Tuesday night, UNO began a tour of future conference rivals, handing Missouri Western a 78-72 loss in St. Joseph. Four players average double-figures, led by Michael Jenkins' 19.5 points per game.



NORTHWEST FORWARD MATT WITHERS shoots for a rebound during the season's opening tournament. Northwest hosts UNO Saturday.

## BEARCATS

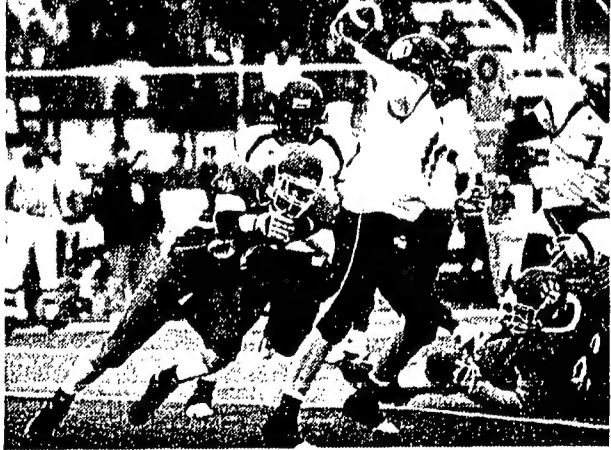
### SCORE BY QUARTER

(12-1)	7	14	0	7	—	28
(10-1)	21	14	14	7	—	56

### TEAM STATISTICS

Northwest	West Texas
429	Total yards 435
66	Total plays 92
3-41.0	Punts-average 3-40.7
13-144	Penalties-yards 17-129
1-1	Fumbles-lost 1-1
299	Passing yards 405
0-0	Sacked-yards lost 2-13
16-28-2	Comp.-Att.-Int. 42-69-3
130	Rushing yards 30
38	Total rushes 23
65	Average Gain 4.7
20	First Downs 25
7	Rushing 19
12	Passing 4-17
7-13	Third Downs 4-17
2-2	Fourth Downs 2-6

### PLAYER STATISTICS



NORTHWEST DEFENSE LINEMAN TYLER NORTHWAY blocks a kick during the game. Northwest recorded two sacks and held the Buffaloes to its season's second lowest yardage total.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Xavier Omon	28	114	7	107	4	19	3.8
Sheldon Cook	2	20	0	20	0	15	10.0
Kendall Wright	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Mike Peterson	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Brant Gregg	2	4	3	1	0	4	0.5
Joel Osborn	3	0	10	-10	0	0	-3.3
Totals...	38	150	20	130	4	19	3.4

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Joel Osborn	16	28-2	2	299	1	54	0
Totals...	16	28-2	2	299	1	54	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Kendall Wright	5	70	1	29
Abe Qaoud	4	57	0	27
Mike Peterson	3	36	0	54
Caleb Osborn	1	33	0	33
Josh Gannon	1	26	0	26
Brant Gregg	1	11	0	11
Xavier Omon	1	6	0	6
Totals...	16	299	1	54

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Michael Stadler	3	123	41.0	42	1
Totals...	3	123	41.0	42	1

Game Highlights:  
- Xavier Omon scored a school-record four touchdowns.  
- Helped by a Division II playoff record 69 pass attempts and 273 combined penalty yards, the game lasted three hours and 55 minutes.  
- West Texas A&M passed for 405 yards. That was the season's second lowest total as the Buffaloes entered the game as the nation's leader in passing offense.  
- In his first career playoff start, Joel Osborn passed for a career-high 299 yards and one touchdown.

## SPOOFHOUNDS

### MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Seeking fresh start after disappointing season

By Jared Clarke  
Missourian Reporter

The Maryville boys' basketball team kicks off the season Friday at Auburn.

The Spoofhounds have five senior starters this season, something Kuwitzky believes will benefit his team.

"We will probably have five seniors and four juniors as our top nine," Kuwitzky said. "Our five seniors are the most experienced and will start this first game."

Kuwitzky gave three factors that

he believes will be important against Auburn.

"First of all, Auburn has an awesome press, so we've got to beat their press," Kuwitzky said. "Second, they run a great fast break, so we have got to get back on defense to stop their break. Thirdly, we've got to keep them off the boards because they are very aggressive and go to the boards hard."

Last year, the Tigers proved no contest to the 'Hounds at home, as Maryville defeated Auburn 71-56. The 'Hounds scored 38 second-half points to bury the Tigers. Graduated

centers John Hart and Blake Jensen combined for 32 points to lead the team. This year's meeting with Auburn should be much different.

"This is a totally different scenario from last year," Kuwitzky said. "Last year they (Auburn) were in the state championship football game the weekend before, so they only had two or three practices before they played us, plus they had lost some of their seniors since then, so I think they are two totally different teams from a year ago."

"I think Auburn is going to be a lot better, so I don't think you can look

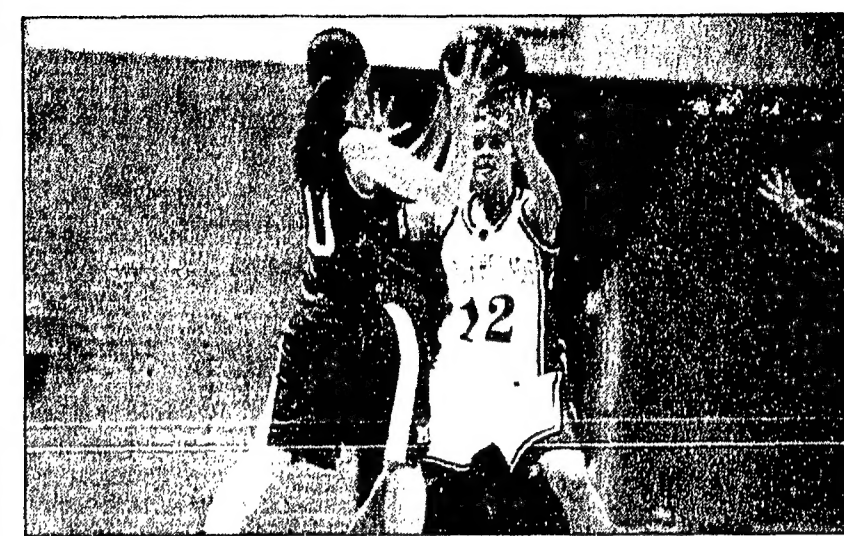
at last year's game as any kind of indicator of what can happen this year."

Although they are playing on the road, Kuwitzky believes his boys are excited and ready to get the season started.

"They are really good over there, and the last two times we went over there they put a pretty good thumping on us," Kuwitzky said. "We are in for a war. Hopefully we'll go in positive, optimistic and enthusiastic, with a lot of energy and do our best."

Maryville opens the season against Auburn at 5:30 p.m., Friday, at Auburn.

### MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL



SENIOR GUARD LEAH WILMES guards Mid-Buchanan senior Bailey Ross in the first half of Maryville's 70-39 win. The team's pressure forced 17 steals. Wilmes scored each of her four points within 15 seconds as she had back-to-back layups.

## Fast breaks, pressure too much for Lady Dragons

By Sam Robinson  
Community Sports Editor

Nearly every time a Maryville Spoofhound secured a defensive rebound, coach Grant Hageman would yell "go."

His girls' squad did just that, executing Hageman's newfound up-tempo offense to near perfection, running Mid-Buchanan out of the gym. By the time the third quarter was over, the 'Hounds had already eclipsed their high-point total from last season (54) en route to a 70-39 opening-night win.

Hageman couldn't have asked for a better start.

"It's pretty much the way we wanted to start the season," he said. "We had a bunch of girls get in and contribute. We shot the ball well and the defense was pretty good. The biggest thing I liked was we didn't turn the ball over a whole lot, and that was one of our biggest problems last year."

At this time last season, the 'Hounds experienced one of their worst losses at the hands of these same Lady Dragons, 48-16.

Hageman credited the fast-break happy offense with igniting the team and leaving behind the one that finished 5-18 a year ago.

"Our intensity is up. We're playing a different style, and they love the style we're playing," he said. "It's up and down, it's aggressive, it's exciting, and it's just a different atmosphere right now."

Sophomore guard Emily Kisker benefited most from the new style as she scored a career-high 22 points and drained three 3-pointers. Erica Espy notched 11 points and created some of the many fast-break points with five steals. The 'Hounds constantly harassed the Lady Dragons with full-court pressure, which led to 17 steals on the night.

Maryville jumped out to a 19-8 lead after the first quarter and made sure a comeback wasn't going to happen by scoring 25 in the second. Senior Leah Wilmes, who led with four assists, scored each of her four points within 15 seconds by swishing back-to-back shots. Freshman Molly Stens culminated the scoring showcase by sinking a 3-pointer at the buzzer to put the 'Hounds up 44-24 at halftime.

Kisker was happy to help her team get to a level it hadn't gotten to in her short time as a 'Hound.

"It was really good to go out there and show that I could do it," Kisker said. "The older girls deserved it (the decisive win) a lot because they've been working really hard, and it's finally paying off. It's going to be a really good season, you can already tell."

The 'Hounds made things worse for the Lady Dragons in the second half with Kisker continuing her mastery by drilling a 3-pointer from the top of the key and going on a 5-0 run by herself. She would get help from Blair McClellan, who hadn't played in almost three years because of multiple injuries, scoring nine second-half points to give her 10 on the night.

MCCLELLAN has been returned to the team at the right time.

"I haven't pictured this for Maryville at least for two or three years," she said. "We haven't had a running clock for a long time. We haven't scored 70 points for who knows how long, and it was just really good to come out and take it to them and win a game by that much of a score. We're going to keep this year."

Maryville, who started 0-4 last season, looks to avenge another loss today, against conference foe Lafayette.

Football team lands three on All-State squads

Three Maryville football players made all-state teams based on their performance in the 2007 season. Running back Adam Mattson and defensive lineman Zack Sherry made the first team, and offensive lineman Dillon Owens made the second team.

Mattson, a junior, rushed for 1241 yards and had 17 total touchdowns. He rushed for a season-best 224 yards in the finale against LeBlond.

Sherry, a junior, had two sacks against Platte County and his third-down stop of eventual state-champion quarterback Joseph Kanasavoid gave Maryville's offense one last chance in Lawson.

Owens, a senior, was the leader of an offensive line that produced two first-team all-conference runners and enabled the offense to score over 30 points in seven of their 10 games.

### BOXING

## Boxing returns to Maryville

By Marcus Meade  
Asst. Sports Editor

History could be made tomorrow inside the Maryville Community Center as boxing returns to Maryville after a long absence.

Middleweight boxer Tyrone Brunson will enter the ring 18-0, with all wins coming by knockout in the first round. With one more first round knockout, Brunson will set the world record for consecutive first round knockouts. The record is currently held by WBA Super Featherweight Champion Edwin Valero.

"He's pretty action packed," John Carden, manager of Legacy Entertainment said of Brunson. "A lot of people think he's going to be the next great knockout artist."

Brunson is a 22-year-old Philadelphia native whose arrival brings boxing back to Maryville for the first time in over 16 years, Carden said.

The event gives Maryville a different type of entertainment, Carden said. He has put on boxing events in St. Joseph but wasn't happy with the turnout. So he's turning to Maryville to see how things work out.

"I guess it's a form of entertainment that isn't usually around," Maryville Parks and Recreation director Rod Auxier said.

Legacy Entertainment is hoping to draw a crowd of around 300 people, Auxier said.

But Brunson's bout isn't the only draw. Roughly 12 fights will take place with half of those being amateur fights, and the other half professional.

If this event is successful, Carden hopes to bring more forms of entertainment to Maryville including cage fighting and comedy shows.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 for general admission to \$55 for ringside seats.

"I really didn't think I wanted to play basketball ever again," she

## CAREER: Seeking positive conclusion

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game that didn't matter frustrated McClellan.

"I was really upset because, for starters, you're supposed to wear ankle braces, and I didn't wear one," she said. "It was just really upsetting because I worked really hard to get a starting spot, and then, I ruined it by a surgery."

Current senior guard Leah Wilmes took her spot and held it ever since. While her teammates spent their winter playing on a near .500 team, Maryville's best in the past three years, McClellan spent it on crutches and doing rehabilitation exercises at St. Francis Hospital.

This would become commonplace for the embattled 'Hound as her worst days were still ahead. Seasons in the crowd

The surgery was a success and McClellan was back to 100 percent by May and ready to pick up where she left off, but instead of a pickup game, her time in the weight room ended her sophomore season before it began.

In June, McClellan tore her meniscus in her knee while doing a squat max, putting her out for the remainder of the summer. Five months later, following another surgery, McClellan went out for the team, but tore her rotator cuff while lifting after the second day of practice.

"I must have really had ligaments in my body," she said.

Yet another surgery forced McClellan to miss all of her second season and she would not be able to lift weights for over a year after 2005's setbacks.

A year later, after successfully completing a third rehab program, McClellan was ready to come out for her junior season after playing basketball all summer long. But her already tiresome journey would reach its low point on the first day of practice when she fell to the ground after an awkward cut, re-injuring her meniscus. She was forced to leave the team for a third straight year.

This final injury crushed McClellan and made her wonder if she could ever set foot on a basketball court again.

"I really didn't think I wanted to play basketball ever again," she



MCCLELLAN'S COMEBACK HIT many roadblocks along the way. Four surgeries on three different injuries forced her to become a spectator at Maryville's game. She credits her family with keeping her from quitting basketball altogether.

said. "I'll be honest, I thought that my body couldn't handle anything, and that I just needed to sit at home, and not be active at all."

Shannon, a freshman on this year's team, said Blair's last knee injury kept her away from an active life and forced her to consider ending a career that barely started.

"She was really upset because she thought her career was over," Shannon said. "It affected her a lot because she was really down around the house."

"I really didn't think I wanted to play basketball ever again," Blair McClellan

I was able to go out and play and she'd always just have to sit there. She'd have to come to the games and know she wasn't able to play."

Watching her team from the stands was painful, but it made her realize the desire to play remained after all she'd endured.

"I've supported them (the team) as much as I can, but it really sucked to be sitting in the crowd," Blair said. "Whenever I was sitting there, I knew I wanted to be out there playing, and that's when I knew I wanted to play my senior year."

Uncharted territory

After a more effective knee-rehab program, Blair took the court in Maryville's first game Tuesday night for the first time since the beginning of that freshman season. Despite having nearly her whole career wiped away, the senior's

smile flashed throughout, perhaps a sign that her latest comeback won't end in heartbreak.

Coming off the bench, Blair scored her own expectations in exceeding 10 points (nine in the second half) to help her team to a rare opening-game victory. She also gave her coach a moment he won't soon forget.

"It was so great to see her make that three at the end of the game," coach Grant Hageman said. "She has been through so much, and it's been hard for her to stick."

Blair knows her knee will never be 100 percent again and that her role may not be what it once was. Instead, she is simply excited about sharing the court with her sister and teammates, hoping her body will give her the chance to let graduation, rather than injury, end her career.

Opening night was a good start. "It was nice to know that I could still be a part of this team and make a difference after two and a half years of not playing," she said. "It feels weird to play again, but I haven't played on a basketball court since my freshman year. I want to make it through the whole year without getting hurt, that's for sure. I just want to stay healthy and be able to play."

## NWMSU Male, Female Athletes of the Week

**Peterson**  
The senior tight end from Atlantic, La. caught three passes for 96 yards in the 56-28 win over West Texas A&M. He now has 31 catches for 512 yards and four touchdowns.

**Foster-Rettig**  
The freshman safety from Balch Springs, Tex. returned an interception 89 yards for a score in the first half of Nov. 24's playoff win.

**Dill**  
The senior from Leavenworth, Kan. had 14 points and five rebounds against Mary College (N.D.) on Nov. 24.

**Brue**  
The junior from Underwood, Iowa had 20 points and three rebounds against Montana State-Billings on Nov. 23.

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**Bostwick honored with Assistant of the Year award**

Northwest defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick was named AFCA Assistant Coach of the Year Wednesday.

Bostwick joined the Northwest staff in 1994 with head coach Mel Tjerdema.

This is Bostwick's 21st year coaching.

The Bearcats own the country's ninth best rush defense, along with allowing the fewest points in the MIAA.

Bostwick joins current Missouri Southern coach Bart Tatum as winners of this award while coaching at Northwest.

The Bearcats are the fourth program to have more than one assistant coach win the award in all divisions.



# Pointless penalties could cost Bearcats

Embarrassing is the word Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdsma used to describe his team's four unsportsmanlike conduct penalty performance Saturday, and usually, I would agree with him.

But not this time.

On Saturday as defensive back Chris Termini flipped into the end zone for the Bearcats' third unsportsmanlike penalty, I was surprised at my light-hearted reaction.

The fans were cheering. They didn't care. The players were pumped. They really didn't care. And I was surprisingly OK with it.



Marcus Meade  
Bearcat Sports Editor

The Buffaloes were being cocky and cheating the whole game. I swear their game plan for defensive end Dallas Flynn was hold him until we get caught doing it, and the flags were never thrown. So as the unsportsmanlike flags flew, everyone felt vindicated and justified in their actions.

It seemed only Tjeerdsma cared about the behavior of his players when it meant for the team. And even though at the time I disagreed

with him, I can now see that Tjeerdsma was right, and I was wrong.

Those penalties did two major things to hurt the 'Cats. They gave West Texas A&M excellent field position, and they fired up an already beaten team that continued to play its heart out.

In the end, 60 yards of unsportsmanlike penalties didn't matter. West Texas A&M didn't have the talent to play on the same level as Northwest. But Grand Valley State does.

I'm fairly sure Tjeerdsma has thought about it too. Yes, he wants his players to act like gentlemen regardless of who they're playing, but he really wants them on their best behavior when those penalties can lose the 'Cats

a game.

Players must be able to control their emotions, or they will end up hurting the team.

After Termini and Flynn's combined unsportsmanlike penalties, Northwest had to kick off from roughly the 8-yard line. That gave the Buffaloes the ball at around the 50-yard line after great kick coverage.

If the 'Cats want to make it back to the national championship, they'll have to play teams like Grand Valley. Giving Grand Valley free yards and added motivation will mean that this 'Cats team, one of the most talented ever, will be watching the national championship on ESPN2 like the rest of us.

## POWER RANKINGS

### Division II Playoffs

Team	Record	Notes
1. Grand Valley	12-0	Has easy road to possible rematch with Northwest
2. Northwest	10-1	Facing a balanced Chadron team
3. Chadron State	12-0	Eagles were soft last year, determined to get revenge
4. Valdosta State	10-1	Faces North Alabama in Gulf South rivalry
5. North Alabama	10-1	Winner of this game will beat Northeast champion
6. California (Pa.)	12-0	Should easily dominate Shepherd
7. Shepherd	10-1	Defense needs to step it up against California (Pa.)
8. Central Wa.	10-2	Upset of UNO was huge, but season ends at GVSV

### Quarterfinal Schedule

Grand Valley vs. Central Washington, Noon CST  
Northwest at Chadron State, 12:30 p.m. CST  
North Alabama at Valdosta State, Noon CST  
Shepherd at California (Pa.), Noon CST

## SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

**Scott's picks**  
**Prediction Record (24-16)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Tulsa vs. Central Florida — Central Florida I don't care if Central Florida coach George O'Leary lies on his resume. His team will totally Tulsa, giving O'Leary something credible to put on his resume.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Cent. Michigan vs. Miami (Ohio) — Miami Not many games being played this week, so I'm going with Miami (Ohio). I'm depending on Wally Szczerbak to come back as a football player and lead the Redhaws to victory.

**NFL Lock**  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans — N.O. I'm hoping Jeff Garcia doesn't play, so the Saints defense might have a chance to stop someone.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
Houston at Tennessee — Houston I'm officially off the Vince Young bandwagon. The Texans go into Tennessee and roll the Titans.

**Brett's picks**  
**Prediction Record (15-25)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
LSU vs. Tennessee — LSU Les Miles was having a press conference and

Florida Atlantic at Troy — Atlantic This is the game I've been waiting for all week. Forget Northwest-Chadron State or Missouri-Oklahoma, this is the one. Actually, I got left with the crappy picks, so I'm dealing with it.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Pittsburgh at West Virginia — Pittsburgh If you're wondering what I'm thinking, take a look at my record and you'll know why.

**NFL Lock**  
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh The Bengals can't play defense, so they will have to rely on Carson Palmer's arm to get past a stingy defense. But in the end Big Ben takes the game over.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
San Diego at Kansas City — Kansas City The Chargers are playing up and down, but so are the Chiefs. Arrowhead is slowly losing its edge as a tough venue in the NFL, but it has room for one or two more victories

**Sam's picks**  
**Prediction Record (19-21)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
LSU vs. Tennessee — LSU Les Miles was having a press conference and

### NFL

Team	Record	Notes
1. New England	11-0	Eagles took offense to 24-point spread, but Pats are still best
2. Dallas	10-1	TO's boys have the edge this week as Favre's 0-8 in Dallas
3. Green Bay	10-1	How can this huge game possibly be on the NFL Network?
4. Indianapolis	9-2	Injury-riddled Colts will not roll over Jags this time
5. Kansas City	8-3	Have chance to end Indy's reign atop AFC South this week
6. Pittsburgh	8-3	Three losses all to inferior competition, one-and-done in playoffs
7. Cleveland	7-4	With the Pats on Pittsburgh's schedule, Browns could win North
8. Tampa Bay	7-4	Football fan test: Name two players on this offense
9. San Diego	6-5	Norv Turner is the only coach who could've screwed this up
10. NY Giants	7-4	Hey, Peyton threw six INTs earlier. Eli's still got the edge
11. Seattle	7-4	How is this team 7-4? Either way, they're not a factor
12. Detroit	6-5	Likely won't be around for Sam's Power 12 next week

Week 13 Schedule	Notes
1. Patriots at Ravens (4-7)	2. Browns at Cardinals (5-6)
3. Cowboys vs. Packers (5-6)	4. Buccaneers at Saints (5-6)
5. Packers at Cowboys	6. Chargers at Chiefs (4-7)
7. Colts vs. Jaguars	8. Giants at Bears (5-6)
9. Jaguars at Colts	10. Seahawks at Eagles (5-6)
11. Steelers vs. Bengals (4-7)	12. Lions at Vikings (5-6)

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Missouri vs. Oklahoma — Mizzou I am not missing the opportunity to take my Tigers as three-point dogs over an Oklahoma team that is not the same away from Norman. That's right, a 1-0 team in both the AP poll and the BCS is an underdog. Revenge city.

**NFL Lock**  
Green Bay at Dallas — Dallas Too much firepower for the Packers to handle. They will still get the No. 2 seed in the NFC playoffs though.

**NFL Upset Alert**  
San Francisco at Carolina — San Francisco Here's betting both Michael Lewis' lead San Fran to victory.

**Marc's picks**  
**Prediction Record (24-16)**  
**NCAA Lock**  
Virginia Tech at Boston College — VT I love VT. I want to see some Beamer ball stomp that Heisman joke Matt Ryan.

**NCAA Upset Alert**  
Fresno State at New Mexico State — Fresno

**NFL Lock**  
Buffalo at Washington — Washington

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## WHAT TO WATCH

**Scott's TV Picks**  
**Friday**  
Washington State at Baylor, 7 p.m. ESPN — These two teams are powerhouses, and this should be a precursor to the NCAA championship game. Wait a second, I can't even name one player on either of these teams.

**Saturday**  
Washington at Hawaii, 10:30 p.m. ESPN 2 — Stay up late and see if Hawaii can get a BCS bid.

**Sunday**  
Detroit at Minnesota, noon FOX — The Vikes are back and Adrian Peterson may be coming back. If Minnesota wins, then they may be in the lead for the last playoff spot. This should be an excellent game to watch as a Vikes fan.

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## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**  
Today is a 10 — You're in a glib mood, but be careful what you say. Creative impulses are high, communication could be a disaster. Build something, don't talk about it.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**  
Today is a 5 — Give yourself time to think about the long-term goals you've set. They will wait all right, but if you don't, they won't.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21)**  
Today is an 8 — Don't get stuck in fantasyland. Make yourself be pragmatic. If you don't want to do the work, don't go into that kind of business.

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## STROLLER

### Your Man hates "reality"

I have put off writing on the horrors of reality T.V. for quite a while now. I thought it was too easy. How do you make fun of something that already makes fun of itself with horrific plot lines, terrible acting and shows like "Who wants to marry an inbred hobo?"

But I can be silenced no longer. One show has completely sickened me above all others. That show is "Kid Nation."

If you don't know about the show, allow me to explain. Basically CBS took 40 kids and paid them \$5,000 each to live in a town without any adults around. The kids then go psycho on each other for a while and try to make their society work without any help from adults, but the main appeal is watching kids freak out on each other.

All the promos show some kid losing his temper and start looking like the offspring of the Manson family. Really the kid is just a normal 8-year-old whose parents love him enough to exploit him for an ounce of fame. But CBS wants everyone to think that in the next episode some kid might get whacked, as the little ticks of Kid Nation discover organized crime.

Call me old-fashioned, but this is creepy. We've been reduced to watching 40 kids scream at each other for entertainment. Since when did that become entertainment? I call that home, and it isn't entertaining at all.

And what does this do to the kids? Usually, I'm an advocate of toughening them

up, but this is going to screw them up. Do you know how much therapy these kids are going to need?

Who's watching this show? Honestly, I want to know. If you're watching this show leave me a comment online telling me why.

If we're going to sink low enough to put kids alone together to permanently damage their brains, we might as well take the next step. I'm going to pitch a show where we train two kids for battle over the course of a season. We keep them in cages and feed them raw sides of beef. I mean, we treat them like crap. And then, at the end of the season, the two kids battle to the death.

Think of the ratings. They'll be huge, and don't worry about the ethical aspect. I'm sure FOX will pick it up.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of *The Northwest Missourian*.

## MOVIE REVIEW

### Beowulf: Classic made into a visual masterpiece

By Brian Johnson  
Missourian Reporter

We seem to be in an era where the epic movie has become a hot ticket with "300," "Troy" and the "Pirates of the Caribbean" trilogy. "Beowulf" is a visual masterpiece of the first epic poem ever written about a warrior conquering demons, and a testament to how great epic films have the potential to be.

The film is shot in motion capture which is a filming technique that applies animation to live action. An example of this technique is Robert Zemeckis' "The Polar Express."

It stars Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie, John Malkovich, and Ray Winstone who plays Beowulf.

In the film, the protagonist, Beowulf has come to defeat a creature called Grendel, played by Crispin Glover, that terrorizes a kingdom in Denmark as well as deal with the demon of Grendel's

mother, played by Jolie, and a dragon.

Zemeckis is the director of other films such as "Back to the Future," and "Forrest Gump." Like those films, Zemeckis has again hit a homerun with "Beowulf" which may be one of the most entertaining movies of the year. The action is intense, the acting is flawless and the story is rock solid.

While the story does deviate a lot from the original poem, it really doesn't matter.

As sacreligious as this sounds, when I first read the poem, I thought it could be spruced up a little bit and Zemeckis and writers Neil Gaiman and Roger Avary have done that with fantastic results.

The scenes with Jolie play with a beautiful quiet tension that only she can produce with her stunning beauty and flawless acting. Her portrayal of Grendel's mother produced some of the most erotic, sensual performances I've ever witnessed.

While the acting certainly was a treat, the visual effects left

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## Crossword

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1 Have a bit  
4 Powerful ruler  
7 Postal delivery  
14 Magnon  
15 Road of Rawls  
16 Some goodwind musicians  
17 Critic Reed  
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19 Snowback  
20 Canada's neighbor  
23 Abririto to smoothness  
24 Knack  
25 "Novel network  
28 TV Intermision  
33 Candidate  
36 Lion's name  
37 Threat tender  
38 Short jackets  
41 Forced inductee  
42 Ashe Stadium event  
43 Bro's sib  
44 Mach topper  
45 Big Birds' whereabouts  
49 Hosp. sections  
50 Pool 100?  
51 Typical patterns  
55 Nutritional regimen  
59 Adversary  
62 The way in China  
63 Mr. Ziegfeld  
64 Pekee piece  
65 Miss a step  
66 Bog  
67 Clan patterns  
68 Scandinavian sampling  
69 Understand

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2 Actor role?  
3 Poisonous compound  
4 Most senior  
5 State of mind  
6 Throbs  
7 Couch donizer  
8 Sholler a fugitive  
9 Ice cream holder

10 "Beth" group  
11 Small snake  
12 Classic Pontiac  
13 Superlative  
14 O.V.I.  
15 E-pinters  
16 Singing group  
17 Bombards  
18 Military posts  
19 Shooting at clay targets  
20 Miss a step  
21 In isolation  
22 Ancient buy  
23 Ump's relative  
24 Assault with insults  
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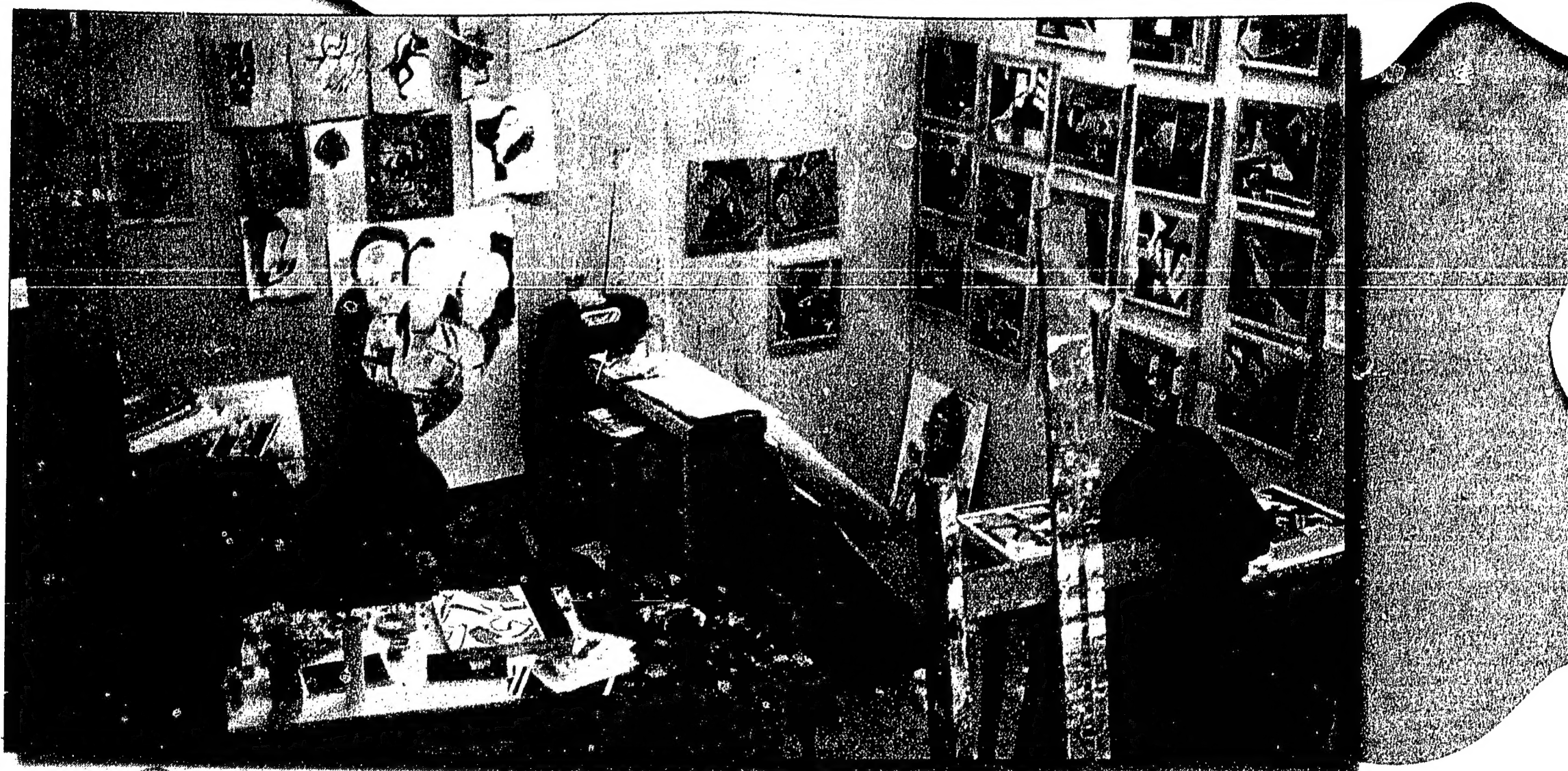
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KIM HOMAN WORKS in her studio located in the basement of the Fine Arts building in preparation for her senior show. The senior show is the last time for students to display art work.

## Student's artwork breaks up faces and Maryville places

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Picture this: your face sketched out as different squares and painted in all shades of blue. Or, the bird's eye view of Maryville painted in different forms with unrealistic colors representing the landscape.

These descriptions are that of the abstract paintings of Kim Homan.

Homan is a senior and an artist at Northwest. She is graduating in December with a bachelor's degree in fine arts with a studio emphasis on painting.

Homan will be displaying 24 of her smaller abstract art paintings and around 10 profile paintings in the senior art show on Dec. 2 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building. This is the only time Homan will be there to personally display her artwork, but her paintings will be set up until Dec. 14, along with fellow art student Elizabeth Heflin's work.

Senior art majors get art shows of their own. It is a capstone event in their career as an art major. The event shows that an artist is capable of building a cohesive body of work. For some, it is a record of maturing as an artist.

Each art student may choose how many and which pieces of artwork to use in their own art show.

"I'm displaying several small abstract oil painting and a few drawings. I'm showing these works because I've been working mostly abstractly in my advanced classes," Homan said.

Homan came to Northwest as an experienced artist. She took art in high school her first year and it sparked such an interest, she took several other art classes thereafter. She didn't decide to major in painting until after she had entered Northwest and is glad she did so.

"Growing up, I always enjoyed painting and wanted to major in something I wanted to learn more about," Homan said. "My artwork has really matured since coming to Northwest."

Homan has taken a class for each type of art offered here, including sculpting, photography and graphic design. This was required for her major, but she has particularly noted Glen Williams, sculpting professor, and Armin Mühsam, painting professor, as two big contributors to her success as an art major.

"Williams has really taught me a lot about what defines art and why. In his classes, we discussed artistic concepts. His classes really made me more open-minded and aware of my artistic direction," Homan said. "Armin Mühsam has helped me to mature artistically. He has been good at challenging me to spend time in the studio, which is essential to developing as an artist."

During her time at Northwest, Homan has studied the work of Hans Hofmann, a German-born, American artist who painted mostly abstract art. She references to him as a big influence in her own artwork, but wouldn't compare her work to his, because he has a unique style.

Many of Homan's paintings are aerial landscapes depicted in an abstract way. She often paints Maryville's landscape. She obtained these views from Google Earth and had a unique take on it. She evokes places such as Maryville in a way that doesn't represent the natural world and instead uses colors and form in a less figurative way.

Homan also paints a lot of profiles. That is, she sketches people's faces and works around them to create an abstract piece of art. Many of her paintings appear to have a lot of square-like shapes in them, but have an outline of a face somewhere in them. Like in her aerial artwork, she depicts these profiles with different colors to make it less figurative. She said she used to use a lot of blue colors in her abstract art, but is trying to branch out by using different colors in her work.

"Kim's work has progressed rather well," Mühsam said. "There were ups and downs, as with every art student, but Kim has pulled through and found her unique style and iconography."

Mühsam also said that after her graduation in December, he hopes to see Homan at the Pub.

"She has earned herself a stiff drink," he said. "I hope she will use her major in her life, but if she doesn't pursue painting as an artistic practice, she will be able to use the habits and the critical thinking skills she acquired in the past years in any endeavor she might embark on."

In reality, Homan said she isn't much of a drinker. After graduating, she plans to get a job to help pay off her loans and pursue painting on her own.

"I'm applying to become a flight attendant, but I hope to paint on my own and enter my work into some shows," Homan said.

In downtown Kansas City, the first Friday of every month, art galleries and studios open their doors to display local artists' work to the public. Homan hopes to showcase her paintings at some of these "First Fridays" events after leaving Northwest.

Homan has put a lot of time and effort into her artwork during her time at Northwest. As a result of her major, Homan will always allow her to reflect upon Maryville in hues of purple and red and to see people's faces in different forms of squares and lines.

HOMAN WORKS ON last minute touch ups before her show goes on display Dec. 2.



SAMPLES OF HER work, derived from aerial views of golf courses and landscapes.

